IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer connected to the data communication apparatus by an interface, said method comprising:

a communication step of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through the interface, wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including at least a scanner unit and a printer unit;

a checking step of checking, upon receipt of the commands, a status of each of the scanner unit and printer unit of the data communication apparatus, wherein the status indicates whether each of the scanner unit and the printer unit is in a normal or abnormal state and indicates a cause of an abnormality in a case where the status of the scanner unit or the printer unit is in an abnormal state; and

a notification step of notifying the host computer of a checked status of each of the scanner unit and the printer unit discretely.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said

notification step includes notifying the host computer of operating conditions comprising a change in status or internal state of the data communication apparatus.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step includes notifying the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with a command from the host computer.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer, the data communication apparatus and the host computer being connected to each other through an interface, and the data communication apparatus being able to communicate with another device through a network without using the interface, said method comprising:

a command step of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through an interface, wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including a scanner unit, a printer unit and a communication unit for communicating with the other device through the network;

a checking step of checking, upon receipt of the commands, a status of each of the units of the data communication apparatus, wherein the status indicates whether at least each of the scanner unit and the printer unit is in a normal or abnormal state and indicates a cause of an

abnormality in a case where the status of the scanner unit or the printer unit is in an abnormal state; and

a notification step of notifying the host computer of a checked status of each of those units discretely.

Claim 30 (previously amended): The method according to Claim 29, wherein said notification step includes notifying the host computer of a model type and a model version in one set.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 29, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus further comprises a storage unit for storing a plurality of files, and said checking step includes checking the status of the storage unit and said notification step includes notifying the host computer of the checked status of the storage unit of the data communication apparatus.